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In re Application of :  
Carter et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 10/644,508 :  
Filed: August 19, 2003 :  
Atty Docket No. 703714.4012 :  
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This is a decision on the "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)," filed May 2, 2005, in the above-identified application.

The petition under § 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee (and publication fee) within the three-month statutory period for reply set in the Notice of Allowance mailed October 27, 2004. No extensions of time are permitted for transmitting issue fees (or publication fees). Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on January 28, 2005. A courtesy Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 3, 2005.

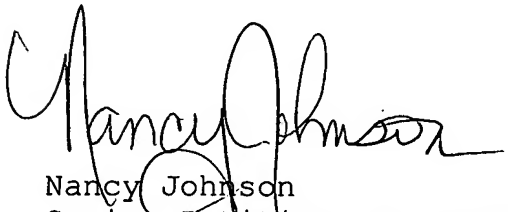
On instant petition, petitioner included the petition fee, the required reply in the form of payment of the issue fee (and publication fee)<sup>1</sup> and a statement that the entire delay was

<sup>1</sup> There was not a distinct but concurrent requirement for corrected drawings.

unintentional. Petitioner has, thereby, met the requirements for revival under § 1.137(b).

The Publishing Division has been advised of this decision. The application file has thereby been forwarded to the Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

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